

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in the Application. Claims 26-49 are withdrawn from consideration as allegedly being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15, 18-22 and 25 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Claims 5, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 23 and 24 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and file a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith. Applicants will specifically provide the reasons for traversal in Applicants' Appeal Brief.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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